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10/821,398

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WHEREAS, we, Afshin Toussi, residing at 2005 7th Street N., Sartell, Minnesota 56377 and Claude T.S. Loui, residing at FL. 10, No. 54, Cheng Kung Road, Sec. 4, Nei-Hu, Taipei 114, Taiwan, R.O.C., made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which we filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on April 9, 2004, having an Application Number 10/821.398, which is entitled INFLATABLE KEEL FLOOR CHAMBER FOR INFLATABLE KAYAKS.

AND WHEREAS, Stearns Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having an office and place of business at 1100 Stearns Drive, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota 56379 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the Assignee, its successors and assigns.


AND, for the consideration aforesaid, we do hereby agree that we and our executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said Assignee, its successors and representatives all facts known to us relating to said improvements and the history thereof and will testify in all legal proceedings and generally do all things which may be necessary or desirable more effectually to secure to and vest in said Assignee, its successors or assigns the

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entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements, inventions, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned and conveyed, or intended so to be.

AND, furthermore we covenant and agree with said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by us and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by us.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 21 day of July, 2004

  
Afshin Toussi

STATE OF Minnesota )  
COUNTY OF Benton ) ss.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2004, before me personally appeared Afshin Toussi to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19 day of  
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Claude T. S. Lou  
Claude T.S. Lou

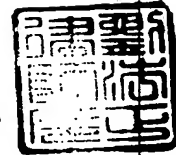
On this 19th day of July, 20 04, before me personally appeared  
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The undersigned hereby appoints the attorneys and agents of Merchant & Gould associated with customer number:



as attorneys and/or agents with the full power to represent the applicant in connection with this application.

Please direct all correspondence to Katherine M. DeVries Smith, MERCHANT & GOULD P.C., P.O. Box 2903, Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903, telephone (612) 332-5300.


CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

Stearns Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, having a place of business at 1100 Stearns Drive, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota 56379, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors, of the patent application identified above. The assignment was mailed for recording in the Patent and Trademark Office on the same date that this document was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the Assignment being recorded is attached.

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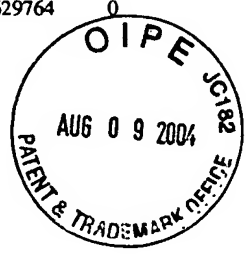
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